

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-22 and 26-28 are pending in the application.

Obvious-type Double Patenting

Claims 20-22 and 26-28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 5,441,951 and over claims 1-12 of U. S. Patent No. 6,353,026 and claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,354.

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Final Office Action dated August 5, 2004. In response thereto, a Terminal Disclaimer is hereby submitted to obviate the judicially created obviousness type provisional double patenting rejection of claims 20-22 and 26-28 as noted above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims distinguish over all references cited by the Examiner and by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer and respectfully requests that all rejections be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee is enclosed. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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